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Annual Report

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1943.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my **Twenty-third Annual Report**, being for the year 1943.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Bronchitis	3	1
Cancer	2	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage	—	1
Diabetes	1	—
Influenza	1	—
Heart Disease	2	6
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	1
Nephritis ..	1	—
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	1	—
Ulcer of Stomach	1	—
Other Digestive Diseases	1	2
Other Defined Diseases	2	1
Total from all causes	16	16=32

		Total	Male	Female		
Live Births	Legitimate	17	9	8	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	8.7
	Illegitimate	1	1	Nil.		
	Total	18	10	8		
Stillbirths		1	1	Nil.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	5.2
Deaths		28	11	17	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	15.3

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

Legitimate :	1	Nil.	1
Illegitimate :	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	55
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	58
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) : 6

Deaths from Measles (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) : Nil.

Population 2060	Live Birth Rate	Per 1,000 Crude Death Rate	of Estimated Population. Death rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death rate from Cancer	Maternal Mortality Rate Per 1,000 live Births	Per 1,000 total still & live births	Rate of Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births
Mean of 5 years 1938-1942	11.5	15.0	0.3	2.48	18.52	17.69	40
1942	13.1	13.1	0.47	2.82	Nil.	Nil.	71
1943	8.7	15.5	0.48	2.91	Nil.	Nil.	55

Increase or decrease in 1943 on 5 years' average

1938-1942	—2.8	+0.5	+0.10	+0.43	18.52	17.69	+15
Previous year	—4.4	+2.4	+0.01	+0.09	Nil.	Nil.	16

Adjusted death rate comparability factor not available for 1943.

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area, 3,277 acres ; Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 2,060 ; No. of inhabited houses, 662 ; Rateable Value, £12,339 ; Sum represented by a penny rate, £51.

HEALTH SERVICES

Accommodation for Smallpox : Moss Side Hospital, Singleton, Fylde, Preston, and Garstang Joint Board.

Accommodation for Infectious Diseases : Infectious Diseases Hospital, Blackpool.

Accommodation for Children's cases : Preston Royal Infirmary (usually).

Accommodation for Maternity cases : Preston or Blackpool Maternity Hospital.

Infectious disease cases going to hospital are taken by the hospital's Motor Ambulance. Other hospital cases go by privately owned vehicles.

The Over Wyre Nursing Association employs a nurse in the district for home nursing.

CHILD WELFARE

A Centre, under the management of the County Council assisted by volunteer local lady helpers is held at the Parochial Hall, Lancaster Road, at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays. A School Dental Clinic is held at the County Council Clinic, 7 Elletson Terrace, Park Lane, at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Clinics for Antenatal, Orthopaedic and Artificial Light treatments are held at the Fleetwood Hospital.

OFFICERS

Your Health Officers are S. A. Nield Faulkner, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., etc., who is Medical Officer of Health as a part-time officer, and Harold Turner, A.M.I.C.E., M.S.I.A., etc., Sanitary Inspector, who is also part-time jointly with his appointment as your surveyor, The salaries of these officers, £60 and £200 respectively are met as to one half by contribution from the County Council.

Officers of the County Council carry out the routine inspection of cattle for tuberculosis, and inspections under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Veterinary inspectors can be called in at the request of the M.O.H. The sampling of milk for School Children and inspections under the Shops Act, 1912-1934, are done by your Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the County Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

All but 14 houses in your area have water from the Fylde Water Board. Of the 662 houses in the district, 116 are not connected to the sewerage system by reason of distance from a sewer.

Closet Accommodation : 683 Water Closets, 1 Waste Water Closet 45 Pail Closets, 23 Privy Closets.

2 conversions of Pail Closets to W.C.'s were made.

15 houses await conversion. A further 47 would be convertible upon extension of sewers.

Refuse Collection : Collection is by hired motor vehicle ; Collection from pails and privies by trailer tank vehicle. Collection made from 600 bins, 17 ashpits, 45 pail closets and 23 privies. Collection is not made from 48 houses distant from populous centres.

Refuse Disposal : Refuse is tipped on low-lying land distant from inhabited areas, and covered with soil. Liquid refuse and pail contents are spread on arable fields by permission of farmers.

SANITARY INSPECTION

Our Inspector reports the making of inspections to 224 premises, the discovery of 129 defects and the abating or remedying of 117 of them. 10 informal notices and 7 formal notices were issued, legal proceedings being required in one case.

Shops Acts : The 36 shops in the district were found satisfactory as regards sanitary conveniences, temperature, ventilation and comfort of assistants where employed.

Fish Fryers : The two premises are well conducted.

Schools : Both schools are satisfactory as to premises and conveniences.

Factories : Those registered under the Factory Act, 1937, are Salt Works Power House, Corn Mill, three Bakeries, two Garages, three Joiner's shops, and a Printer's works. All are satisfactorily maintained.

Houses let in lodgings : The single house in this class is satisfactory.

Tent, Vans, Sheds, etc. : There are no premises of this description continuously occupied. Two sites are licensed for stationing van-dwellings and tents. Byelaws have been adopted for the control of moveable dwellings.

HOUSING

No new houses were erected.

Inspection has been continued under the Consolidated Regulations, 105 visits being made to 50 houses, mostly matters of minor repairs.

A classification of houses in your area shews that 74 are large houses, 3 are inns, 40 are farmsteads, 31 are houses and Shops, 296 are small modern houses, 180 are good older houses, 17 poor type but habitable, and 21 are under orders for demolition.

Overcrowding has not increased ; in some houses the permitted number is slightly exceeded.

A scheme is under consideration for the building of 65 houses for the Council.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The County Council do the examination and sampling of saleable foods, the inspection of dairy cattle, and licensing of accredited milk producers, of whom there are seven in your district.

There are 50 farms in your area. The bulk of local retailing is done by seven farmers. The main production is taken by collecting lorries to depots outside the district.

Pigs slaughtered for home consumption only under licence from the Food Controller. 30 such pigs were inspected.

1 Cwt. of unsound vegetables and 16 lbs. of ham were seized in shops.

There are no slaughterhouses in your district. There are three bakehouses, which are satisfactorily conducted.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases of infectious diseases occurring during 1942 were : Scarlet Fever, 1 ; Whooping Cough, 27 ; Diphtheria, 4 ; Measles, 23 ; Pneumonia, 3 ; 8 swabs from the throat were examined for diphtheria by the Clinical Research Association, London. Three cases of Diphtheria were removed to hospital. Disinfection of the premises was carried out in respect of five cases.

Tuberculosis : Two new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year. A case of a male in the 55-66 age group was fatal.

13 Children were immunised against diphtheria during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. A. NIELD-FAULKNER.

